

## QUICK COLLISION FACTS

Tuesday, September 12, 2000, marked the first day California was without a traffic fatality since May 1, 1991.

During 2000, California had a total of 511,248 traffic collisions: 3,331 fatal, 198,348 injury and 309,569 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every 1 minute and 2 seconds.

One person was killed every 2 hours and 21 minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

One person was injured every 1 minute and 44 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 28.8% of pedestrian victims and 26.5% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 81 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 28.0% of the fatal and injury collisions.

Beginning in 1999, motorcyclist victims began to increase over the all-time low experienced in 1998. Motorcyclists killed in 2000 increased 37.5% from 1998 and those injured increased 21.1% over that same year.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have decreased 1.7% and alcohol involved persons killed have also decreased 1.7% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.3% were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 35.2% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 9,244 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 114 persons was injured; and one out of every 57 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,331 fatal collisions, 3,730 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.22 persons killed and 98.87 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. (These are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates.)

Hit-and-run was indicated in 10.2% of the fatal and injury collisions.